

CHANGES

As noted on the front page of the ServeNebraska Request for Competitive AmeriCorps*State Applications and related materials, the Request for Applications is being issued while the underlying Corporation for National & Community Service materials are in a Public Comment. Revision is possible. Below is a summary of the changes resulting from this public comment period and the impact on the funding process. The Request for Application materials have been revised to reflect the changes below. All page references are to the most current version of the materials

CHANGE #1

Date of Change:

November 6, 2013

Topics:

Application Due Date to Corporation for National & Community Service
Funding Notification Date

Explanation:

Due to many factors and delays in its ability to post complete application information, the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) has made the decision to push the due date of the applications from multi-state applicants and state service commissions back two weeks to January 22, 2014 at 5:00 pm Eastern. To allow sufficient time for the grant application review process, this will also push the notification date for applicants from April 18, 2014 to May 2, 2014. CNCS expects that successful applicants will be notified no later than May 2, 2014, contingent on timely full year appropriations.

Impact:

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- The due date for Nebraska entities seeking to participate in the Governor's & Mayor Initiative is moved to January 22, 2014 [Cover page, Section I.B. – page 9, Section IV.A.1 - page 21]
- The due date for multi-state proposals applying directly to the Corporation for National & Community Service is moved to January 22, 2014 [AmeriCorps in Nebraska section – page 3]
- The anticipated Competitive funding announcement from the Corporation for National & Community Service is moved to May 2, 2014
[Introduction to Application Process section – page 6, Section XIII.A – page 41]

CHANGE #2

Date of Change:

November 14, 2013

Topics:

The Corporation for National & Community Service summarizes the changes as follows:

- ◆ Updating and making clearer the tier section.
- ◆ Revising the evidence based section to be more clear and transparent as to how points will be awarded for that section.
- ◆ Incorporating addendums related to Tier 1 Education (School Turnaround AmeriCorps) and VetSuccess.

Impact:

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- Pagination has been revised to accommodate additional information
- Revise minimum program size to 2 member service years for VetsSuccess applicants
(Introduction to the Application Process – page 5)
- Clarify definition and prioritization of Opportunity Youth (Overview section - page 7)
- Revise the Funding Priorities [Section I.E. – pages 10-14] to incorporate the following as Tier1 priorities
 - School Turnaround AmeriCorps
 - VetsSuccess
 - Opportunity Youth
- Revise the Funding Priorities [Section I.E. – page 15] to reframe Tier 2 priorities
- Revise the Funding Priorities [Section I.E. – page 15] to reframe Tier 3 priorities
- State that the only subtype of fixed amount grant that Tier 1 Education applicants may apply for is the EAP Fixed Amount grant type. [Section II.D. – page 16]

CHANGE # 2

Impact (continued)

- Specified additional required documents for Tier 1 Education applicants [Section IV.D. – page 23]
- Refined explanation of Application Info [Section V.B – pages 24-25]
- Specified Rationale & Approach review criteria for Tier 1 Education applicants [Section VII.A.2. – page 27]
- Specified Problem/Need review criteria for Tier 1 Education applicants [Section VII.A.2.a – pages 27]
- Additional and changed guidance on the Logic Model Chart, Theory of Change, and Evidence Base [Section VII.A.2.b – pages 27-30]
- Additional Member Training guidance for Tier 1 Education applicants [Section VII.A.2.c – page 30]
- Additional Member Supervision guidance for Tier 1 Education and VetsSuccess applicants [Section VII.A.2.d. – page 30]
- Additional Organizational Background & Staffing guidance for Tier 1 Education applicants [Section VII.A.3.a – pages 30-31]
- Additional Continuous Improvement guidance for Tier 1 Education applicants [Section VII.A.3.d – page 31]
- Refine the Cost Effectiveness guidance for all applicants [Section VII.A.4.a – pages 31-32]
- Refine the Budget Adequacy guidance for fixed grant applicants [Section VII.A.4.b – page 32]
- Additional Evaluation Summary or Plan guidance for Tier 1 Education applicants [Section VII.A.5 – pages 32-33]
- Added details on Performance Measures [Section VII.A.9 – page 34]
- Refined explanation of attempts to assure a diversified portfolio as it relates to Tier 1 Education applicants and Opportunity Youth [Section XI.C – pages 38]
- Expand clarification of reporting requirements [Section XIII.E – pages 41-42]

CHANGES TO REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATIONS

Refined explanation of Application Info [Pages 1, 2, 3]

CHANGES TO REQUEST FOR APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Definitions: Definitions for New applicant, Recompete applicant, Continuation applicant, Previous applicant, Evidence Informed and Evidence Based stricken. Definition of A Rural School added.

Attachment D - Performance Measure Instructions for New/Recompeting Applicants:

Added Standard Performance Measures related to Tier 1 Education applicants

NEW Attachment N – VetsSuccess (Tier 1 Veterans) Service Site Locations

NEW Attachment O - Written Partnership Agreements - Tier 1 Education